

a first U-joint connectable with a steering wheel of the vehicle;

a first shaft pivotally attached to said first U-joint and rotatable about a longitudinal axis of said first shaft upon rotation of said first U-joint;

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a second shaft drivingly connected to said first shaft and having a slip joint connection with said first shaft permitting relative axial movement of said first and second shafts while maintaining a rotary drive connection between said first and second shafts;

a second U-joint pivotally attached to said second shaft and connectable with a steering mechanism of the vehicle; and

said first shaft comprising first and second shaft parts and a quick disconnect joint between said first and second shaft parts permitting disconnection of said first and second shaft parts and pivoting of said first shaft part relative to said first U-joint to a first out of the way position and pivoting of said second shaft and said second shaft part relative to said second U-joint to a second out of the way position.

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Please add claims 9 and 10, as follows:

9. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim 1 wherein said quick disconnect joint includes a releasable fastener which, when released, permits disconnection of said

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first and second shaft parts, said releasable fastener being  
operable to reconnect said first and second shaft parts.

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10. An intermediate steering column as defined in claim  
1 wherein said quick disconnect joint is not destroyed during  
disconnection.

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